



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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THE GOVERNOR

**GREETINGS:**

**It gives me great pleasure to join with NAFSA: Association of International Educators to extend my regards to all those participating in International Education Week in Pennsylvania.**

**As the swift tide of globalization advances, it has never been more important for us to challenge, educate, and provide our youth with the opportunity to learn from, and about, other cultures. It is essential that each and every child in our global community receive the education they deserve. After all, they are tomorrow's leaders.**

**Through various cultural exchange programs, diversity forums, and cross-cultural celebrations, schools across the commonwealth are teaching our youth to preserve the time-honored traditions, cultures, and heritage of our nation's people. This year's ninth annual celebration of International Education Week serves as a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect upon the many cultural opportunities available within our commonwealth that can awaken our children's minds to the beauty and complexity in the world around them.**

**As Governor and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I join with NAFSA: Association of International Educators in recognition of November 16-20, 2009 as International Education Week in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**



*Edward G. Rendell*

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